

LOOK FOR GRAVE AND GOLD

Two Reasons Which Actuate Explorers Searching Among Santa Barbara Channel Islands.

Again the rugged and little-frequented Santa Barbara channel islands are being explored for the burial spot of Juan Cabrillo, the intrepid Spaniard who visited the California coast in the sixteenth century. The search centers in San Miguel island, the property of J. P. Moore, a wealthy resident of Florida.

Cabrillo died on one of the islands, it appears reasonably certain, and San Miguel is generally believed to be the island where he met death. One legend has it that Cabrillo died of a fever, another that he met a violent death at the hands of a warrior from one of the Indian tribes then inhabiting the channel islands.

He is said to have been secretly buried at night in a cave, in a spot inaccessible except at low tide.

Not all the romance that is associated with San Miguel grows out of the supposed tragic death. For generations Californians have heard of the fabulous sums of gold hidden there by sea rovers.

Treasure is said to have been buried on the island by Sir Francis Drake, after he had stripped Spanish bullock-laden ships. Drake, so the legend runs, left hurriedly and neither returned nor gave a key to the secret cache.

Several of the Spanish and Mexican outlaws that overran southern California in the Spanish regime, and even after the Americans came, are said to have made the islands their meeting place and to have buried there a fortune in gold and silver coin.

KIEV WELL WORTH A VISIT

Capital of the Ukraine Remarkable Combination of Old and New Cities.

Kiev contains about five hundred thousand inhabitants, and comprises four distinct districts, which may also be called separate towns. Podol, the commercial quarter, skirts the river Dnieper, and above it, on a steep declivity, is Lipki, the residential quarter, and an enchanting spot in summer, with its handsome villas embowered in dark, luxuriant foliage.

North of that is Kiev proper, which contains the university and the cathedral of St. Sophia, a building erected in the eleventh century, but so constantly repaired and added to that it is now a huge and towering structure with more than a dozen large golden domes.

Here also are the theaters, hotels and shops, which are quite as modern as those of Petrograd or Moscow. Petchersk, the fourth district, is well worth seeing, for it is honeycombed with caves and catacombs that in olden days were used as places of refuge and as monastic cells, and where, during holy festivals, one can scarcely move through the dense crowds of pilgrims, of whom three hundred thousand annually visit this ancient and revered monastery.

Warships May Carry Mail.

Removing their side armor, protective decks, barbettes and guns would change battle cruisers into fine mail liners with plenty of room for passengers. That is the proposal which has the approval of the Swedish minister of marine for application to the Swedish navy's two largest warships. The vessels so pacificated would have 2,000 tons dead-weight capacity with a displacement of 4,300 tons and a speed of 25 to 30 miles an hour. Sweden's navy numbers 69 war craft of all kinds, all of which are well designed and constructed, but rather small for actual war purposes. This appears to be the first serious indication of a possible peaceful use for naval units.—Popular Mechanic Magazine.

DRANK TOAST TO WILHELM

Field Marshal Hindenburg and Army Staff Observed the Birthday of the Former Kaiser.

From a report of the Cussel Allgemeine Zeitung, as cited in the Vossische Zeitung, it appears that, despite all denials, the ex-kaiser's birthday was celebrated at the Germany army headquarters. The journal says that Marshal von Hindenburg referred to the ex-kaiser as follows:

"Even people of different views would consider it cowardice and disloyalty if we should hesitate to admit frankly that we are thinking today with love, gratitude, reverence and great sorrow of the kaiser, to whom we have hitherto devoted our lives and our actions, and for whom we were ever ready to stake our blood and our treasure for the welfare of the fatherland. May God bless him and give him strength to bear the heavy burden which God's inscrutable will has placed upon him. Let us drink a silent toast to his health with this sincere wish from our loyal hearts."

Where Huns Were Inferior.

There is a noteworthy example of the preservation of valuable military secrets in the interesting article written by the secretary of the British Geographic society entitled "German War Maps and Surveys." British methods of survey and mapping were far superior to the enemy's, and one conspicuous success was scored in the scientific development of sound ranging for artillery. They used a self-recording apparatus, an ingenious and delicate piece of mechanism, which was used during the battle of Arras in April, 1917. The idea upon which it was based must have been known to a great many persons, both soldiers and civilians, but it never reached the enemy, though how much he desired to obtain it was revealed by Ludendorff's issue of an order in which he insisted upon the importance of capturing a set of these instruments. Until practically the end of the war German sound ranging was done with stop watches, a hopelessly crude and inaccurate arrangement in comparison with the scientific British system.—Indianapolis Star.

Find a Moth Exterminator.

Experiments of the bureau of entomology, United States department of agriculture, have demonstrated that naphthalene is uniformly effective in protecting woolsens from clothes moth infection and in killing all stages of the insect, says the Des Moines Register. A red cedar chest readily killed all adult moths and showed considerable killing effect upon young larvae. It did not prevent the hatching of eggs, but killed all of the resulting larvae almost immediately. Red cedar chips and shavings, while not entirely effective in keeping the adult moths from laying eggs on the flannel treated, appeared to protect it from appreciable damage when used liberally.

Not New to Her.

Beatrice was invited to a birthday party and, womanlike, she wanted a new frock. Her mother, finding the child's party dress in good condition, refused to buy another. Her father, trying to console his little daughter, said: "Let me see the dress, Beatrice."

She brought it and he said: "Why, Beatrice, it is very pretty! I've never seen it before."

"Well," responded the child, "I've seen it often."

Stung.

"Fine day, isn't it?"
"Sir, you have the advantage of me! I don't know you."
"H-m! I fall to see the advantage."

"Some Day Chief"

By RALPH HAMILTON

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Elsa Vernor was going into a brand new life and was curious and excited. She and her sister were orphans, and for five years Elsa had been living with her uncle and aunt, the Mowbrays. This home life was pleasant enough, but exceedingly dull. When the word came from Myrtle, who had been married and gone west with her husband five years previous, and Myrtle thought she needed Elsa, the latter hailed the prospect as a deliverance from a sort of social and intellectual bondage.

Myrtle Weston held out no glowing picture to her sister. Very plainly she indicated that she and her neighbors were pioneer sojourners in a species of wilderness. "All I have," she wrote, "is a small house and eighty acres, just at the edge of an Indian reservation, and a few town lots in a settlement that has exactly twenty-three residents to date. Since my husband died it has been hard work."

Elsa had written at once to her sister, expressing the intensest delight at the prospect ahead. Her dreams were all of grand mountain ranges and beautiful valleys, where people lived on horseback, and lovely flowers and handsome men and women existed. Myrtle had sent her some money, and had instructed Elsa to select what she thought would be most useful from some old household traps which had been stored in the home of her uncle since the death of their mother. Myrtle wrote that she lacked considerable in the way of household utilities. Elsa consumed a week sorting out what could be most useful of the great mass of furniture, cooking utensils and general knickknacks, and when she finally set forth on the one long journey of her life, had the shipment reduced to her little trunk and four large packing cases.

They were directed to Deep Gulch, from what Myrtle wrote the nearest railroad town, ten miles over the mountain from Wycheley, near which the little farm was located. Myrtle wrote that she would have some one meet her sister at the station and in imagination Elsa built up a pleasing vision of a stalwart, handsome young frontiersman mounted on a superb steed, leading a second one, and conveying her over the hills, a real practical Lochinvar.

This dream came true. When just such a border hero met her and introduced himself as Boyd Wardell, Elsa liked him from the start. His welcome, he expressed it, was that of all the gulch, friendly, heartsome people who cherished gladly a new neighbor. Besides, there was an organ in the one meeting house of the place, and Myrtle had told about her sister's musical accomplishments. By the time Elsa was placed safely in the arms of Myrtle by the new comer she felt that she had come across a man she could like very much. Wardell was the sheriff of the district, everybody's friend, and became a regular visitor at the little home where Elsa had settled down into the groove of her new life.

It was arranged that Elsa should take charge of a little township school with the coming of autumn. In the meantime Boyd Wardell was her devoted cavalier. There were long rides on horseback, even to the top of Old Eagle, a lofty knoll full of ice caves and snowy peaked nearly all the year. Awaiting her school duties, Elsa set about making friends among the neighbors. At the edge of the settlement was an Indian family. Its head, who was known as "Some Day Chief," was in disgrace with his tribe, 200 miles to the west, worked a little silver claim and lived on the hope of final restoration to his old kingly position. His little daughter, whom he idolized, fell ill, his wife was dead, and, apprised of the situation, Elsa undertook to nurse the fevered, ailing little one.

A queer incident grew out of this. The little sufferer faded away, day by day, longing for delicacies the rough mountain isolation could not provide. One day in going over the domestic utensils she had brought from the East, Elsa came across an ice cream freezer. There were those about her who had never seen such a device. Boyd Wardell offered to ride up to the summit of Old Eagle and bring back ice. An admiring crowd of neighbors stood around watching the operation of converting cream and eggs into a royal luxury. Elsa took a bowl of the same to little Wachita. She seemed to have happened upon the one thing that assuaged the burning thirst of the little one. Wachita brightened up marvelously, in a week was better, in a month fully convalescent, and when Some Day Chief was called back to his tribe he gratefully made over to Elsa the little mine he had worked.

Who could Elsa consult as to her landed acquisition but young Wardell, and who could have been gladder to serve the dainty, cheeresome new-comer at Deep Gulch? And he became "Boyd," instead of "Mr. Wardell," and she became "Elsa," instead of "Miss Vernor," so that it was not strange that one evening a few months later the proud, happy, young frontiersman observed:

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